



11639/1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : ROMANTCHIKOV, YURI
Application No. : 09/213,834
Filing Date : December 17, 1998
For : IMPROVED METHODS FOR INSERTION OF
NUCLEIC ACIDS INTO CIRCULAR VECTORS

#41A
Plunkett
10/4/00

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2000, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present Amendment in the above-identified case.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Sequence Listing as follows.

At Page 46, Line 7, delete "<160>" and substitute --<160> 16-- therefor.

At Page 47, Line 16, delete "<211> 18" and substitute --<211> 28-- therefor.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 31, 32 and 39 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows.

In Claim 17, fourth line, delete "overhand" and substitute --overhang-- therefor.

In Claim 22, second line, delete "essentially."

In Claim 33, third line, delete "95%" and substitute -- 90%-- therefor.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

Date 9/12/00 Agent's Reg. # 30,333

agent
Atty's Signature

Mary C. Warner
KENYON & KENYON